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SUBJECT: US PREPARATIONS FOR 7TH SPECIAL SESSION

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY IO (BUFFUM) MET WITH MINISTER TURNER OF CANADIAN EMBASSY 27 FEBRUARY TO INFORM HIM OF US PREPARATIONS FOR UNGA 7TH SPECIAL SESSION IN SEPTEMBER 1975. BUFFUM SAID US WAS HAVING PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS WITH LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES ON PROSPECTS FOR SPECIAL SESSION. DAKAR AND ALGIERS MEETINGS DID NOT INDICATE GOOD PROSPECTS FOR A CONSENSUS OUTCOME BUT WE WERE TRYING TO DEVELOP POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE POSITIONS ON EXPECTED ISSUES. US HAD BEGUN INTENSIVE CONSIDERATION OF PRINCIPAL QUESTIONS LIKELY TO BE AT ISSUE - FOOD, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHANGES IN UN. FROM ALGIERS MEETING WE GATHERED THAT LDC INTERESTS WERE PRODUCER CARTELS, PRICE STABILIZATION, BUFFER STOCKS, ROLE OF MNC'S, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, AND TRADE AND AID ISSUES.

2. BUFFUM REQUESTED CANADIAN ADVICE ON HOW WE MIGHT CONCERT OUR VIEWS EITHER THROUGH A COMMON DECLARATION OR PARALLEL INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS AS WELL AS WHEN, WHERE,

HOW AND WITH WHOM IN THE LDC'S WE SHOULD CONSULT. IT WAS A QUESTION HOW USEFUL IT WOULD BE TO CONSULT WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF ALGERIA AND YUGOSLAVIA. HE WAS NOT SURE ALGERIA REALLY WANTED TO COOPERATE OR WHETHER THEY WERE IDEOLOGICALLY COMMITTED TO CONFRONTATION.

3. TURNER WELCOMED THE PROSPECT OF CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE US BECAUSE CANADA WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE GROWING CONFRONTATION WITH THE LDC'S IN THE UN. THE GOC HAD REVIEWED THESE QUESTIONS IN OTTAWA AND IN THEIR MISSIONS IN NEW YORK AND GENEVA. TURNER SAID THAT REACTIONS IN CANADIAN DISCUSSIONS ON UN MATTERS WITH LDCS VARIED WIDELY FROM NEGATIVE IN NEW DELHI TO A CONSTRUCTIVE AND THOUGHTFUL IN LAGOS. HE SUGGESTED WE MIGHT START WITH LDC'S WITH WHOM WE COULD STILL COMMUNICATE RATHER THAN THOSE TOO FAR OUT IN THEIR PERCEPTION AND PHILOSOPHY TO INFLUENCE. THEY OFTEN REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING IN REPRESENTATIONS IN CAPITALS BUT THERE WAS NO REFLECTION OF IT IN SUBSEQUENT UN SESSIONS.

4. BUFFUM SAID US LOOKS UPON 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AS A TEST CASE AS TO WHETHER THE UNGA COULD BE USEFUL FOR CONSTRUCTIVE DEBATE AND RECONCILIATION OF VIEWS OR SHOULD BE DISCOUNTED. HE SAID THAT SECRETARY MADE CLEAR THAT WE WILL NOT BE HARASSED BY COUNTRIES IN THE UN THAT WANT TO COOPERATE WITH US ON A BILATERAL BASIS. TURNER SAID THAT THIS COULD BE AN UNATTRACTIVE EVOLUTION AS ONE THING WOULD LEAD TO ANOTHER. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD REPORT THE CONVERSATION TO OTTAWA AND SEEK ITS REACTION.

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5. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT REPORTING ANY GOC VIEWS ON THE ABOVE QUESTIONS AND ANY CANADIAN REACTIONS THAT MAY COME TO YOUR ATTENTION. KISSINGER

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